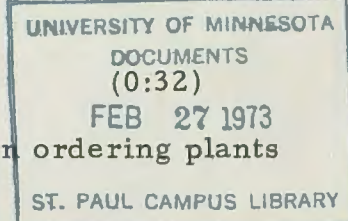


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Mail Ordering Plants

Here's something to keep in mind when ordering plants through the mail:



Select plants that will thrive and survive in Minnesota. University Arboretum Director Leon Snyder says most plants sold by Minnesota nurseries are hardy. When ordering flowering crab apple trees, be sure to get one that has resistance to common diseases. Flowering crabs recommended include Red Splendor, Flame, Radiant, Vanguard and Sparkler.

Snyder says a hardy rose shrub is Lillian Gibson. Other hardy roses include Prairie Dawn, the Gallicas, Centiolias and Rugosas.

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Ordering Nut Trees

(0:32)

Make sure the nut trees you buy will survive in Minnesota.

University Horticulturist Leonard Hertz says nut trees that have succeeded under central and southern Minnesota conditions are black walnut, shagbark hickory and butternut native to southern Minnesota.

Native American hazelnut, common in most of the state, produces small, edible nuts. But the large, thin shelled filberts sold in grocery stores have not as yet been adapted to local conditions. Pecans, English and Carpathian walnuts, chestnuts and almonds are not hardy in Minnesota.

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Ordering Fruit Trees

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University Horticulturist Leonard Hertz says Red Baron, Honey Gold and Regent are apples that combine high quality and winterhardiness in delicious, attractive fruits.

Suitable dwarf apple varieties are Minnesota hardy selections grafted onto dwarfing rootstock. Beacon, Haralson and McIntosh are three of these varieties that are available in dwarf form. Special winter protection is needed for these rootstocks to survive Minnesota temperatures.

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Bacon Package Change Postponed

(0:28)

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has postponed the deadline from February 19th to August 19th for making changes in bacon packaging.

Meat processors will be required to have a window in their bacon packages that shows the surface of a representative slice of bacon. Also bacon and other cured meat products must be labeled by August 19th to show what ingredients were used in the curing process. Some processors already have begun using the new packages.

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4-H Consumerism

(0:25)

Youth and 4-H Specialist Phyllis Worden asks: "How many phonograph records do you buy a year? Forty records at four or five dollars a piece is almost two-hundred dollars in records."

Teenagers should "think it over" before they buy another new "hit." How many times can you hear it on the radio? Maybe you don't need that record after all? Are there other things you could do with that money?

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